

CONCLUSIVE PROOFS

OF THE EFFICACY OF

HOSTETTER'S STOMACH BITTERS.

HEAR THE WITNESSES!

Withouts and pernicious articles are so often bolstered up in the advertising columns of the press by fabricated letters, that the proprietors of **HOSTETTER'S BITTERS** rarely give quotations from their business correspondence, lest the **GENUINE OPINIONS** of those who use and appreciate a **GENUINE ARTICLE** should be confounded by the unliking with the **FULSOME RIGMAROLE** put into the mouths of **MEN OF STRAW** by unscrupulous empirics and charlatans, whose double object is to **SELL** both their trash and the **PUBLIC**.

Believing, however, that **FACTS IMPORTANT TO THE HEALTH AND COMFORT OF THE PUBLIC**, and which can be **VERIFIED AT ANY MOMENT** by addressing the parties who vouch for them, ought not to be hid under a bushel, the undersigned publish below a few communications of recent date, to which they invite the attention of the people, and at the same time **ESPECIALLY REQUEST** all readers who may feel interested in the subject to **ADDRESS THE INDIVIDUALS THEMSELVES**, and ascertain the correctness of the particulars.

It may be thought, perhaps, that a preparation like **HOSTETTER'S STOMACH BITTERS**, which has long been **STANDARD TONIC** throughout the **WESTERN HEMISPHERE**, and is rapidly becoming a staple of trade at all latitudes, speaks for itself in stronger tones than private eulogium can speak for it. This is true, but the phases of disease are almost innumerable, and every day new instances of the success of the Bitters, either as a **PREVENTIVE** or a **CURE**, come to the knowledge of the proprietors through the mails. Some of these are of immense interest to thousands placed in exactly the same circumstances as the parties who have been **PROTECTED** or **RELIEVED**, and therefore it seems almost an act of duty to put them on record.

For example, seven-eighths of the multitudes who go to sea suffer more or less from **SEA-SICKNESS**. They dread this terrible affliction more than the fury of the elements, and it must be an unspeakable satisfaction to them to learn that it can be averted by the use of **HOSTETTER'S BITTERS**. It is only within the last twelve months that this **GREAT FACT IN MEDICATION** has been established, and hence it is not universally known. Those who have tested this newly-developed property of the preparation, and escaped seasickness by its aid, are naturally anxious to spread the glad tidings among all who "go down to the sea in ships and do business on the great waters." The witness upon this point, whose testimony is appended, not only gives his own experience, but corroborates it with sufficient evidence from other sources. If there be any who are skeptical on the subject, they are shared with him the beneficial effects of the antidote.

The immense increase in the sale of **HOSTETTER'S BITTERS**, both at home and abroad, during the past year, proves that the world, while it obeys the Scriptural injunction to "try all things," only "**HOLDS FAST** to that which is **GOOD**." Spurious preparations, like poisonous fungi, are continually springing up, but their character is soon discovered, and they are "**fungi like worthless weeds away**." On the other hand, a great antidote, that performs all its promise, and even more than its proprietors claimed for it on its introduction, is "**not for a day, but for all time**."

Every dose administered of a useless or deleterious nostrum helps to disabuse the public mind of the impressions it may have received from the flourish of trumpets with which the deceptive article was announced; while, on the contrary, every bottle sold of a really valuable medicine secures an advertisement of its merits among his friends. It is thus that **HOSTETTER'S BITTERS** have obtained their unparalleled popularity. The Press, indeed, has made the **GREAT STOMACHICALLY** known, but it is the uniformly successful results of **PERSONAL EXPERIMENT** that have rendered it a **HOUSEHOLD-MEDICINE** throughout the length and breadth of the land, and the main reliance of the **TRAVELER, the VOYAGER, the MINER, and the PIONEER**.

During the Summer months a pure, wholesome Tonic, in which are also incorporated the properties of an antibilious and mild aperient agent, is essentially needed. Such a preparation is **HOSTETTER'S STOMACH BITTERS**, the correct preventive and cure of dyspepsia, biliousness, constipation, and nervous debility ever placed within the reach of the community.

Against the depressing and sickening tendency of heat and miasma, it is a potent safeguard, and upon persons of feeble constitution and uncertain health, its renovating effects are most extraordinary.

ST. NICHOLES HOTEL, NEW-YORK, March 3, 1863.

DR. HOSTETTER—Dear Sir: Being of a bilious temperament, and having suffered much from sea-sickness heretofore, I determined, when leaving New-Orleans for New-York, in June last, to try your celebrated Stomach Bitters. Having made the trip in the propeller Trade Wind, without the least inconvenience, owing to their preventive efficacy, I procured, on the 20th of July, a box of your Bitters, for the use of myself and a few friends, on our contemplated voyage to Europe in the Great Eastern. After getting to sea I opened the box, and, together with about ten of my fellow-passengers, partook of the Bitters. On the second day some of the ladies on board felt sea-sick, but by taking half a wine-glassful three times a day, they soon recovered. Dr. Galbreath, the ship's physician, and Capt. Paton, the Commander, together with a large portion of the passengers, subsequently experimented with the Bitters, and uniformly with entire success. They will certify to the fact that during the whole trip not one person on board was sick after the second day. Dr. G. having appropriated the last remaining bottle, as an infallible specific, I had some of the article on my return voyage, and suffered more than I can describe in consequence. I have orders for two boxes from two of my late fellow-passengers, now in Liverpool, and shall send them out by the next steamer. You ought to have a depot in Liverpool. Advailing all persons venturing for the first time (or indeed at any time) to sea, to obtain, if possible, a supply of your Bitters before leaving port, and thereby **SECURE** themselves against sea-sickness.

I am, respectfully, your obedient servant.

JOHN A. MUELLER.

**QUARTERMASTER'S DEPARTMENT,
CONVALESCENT CAMP,
NEW-ALBANY, Va., March 3, 1863.**

MESSRS. HOSTETTER & SMITH—Sir: I have used some of your **HOSTETTER'S STOMACH BITTERS** with the greatest success imaginable. I have been sorely afflicted with dyspepsia for five years. I have spent more than three hundred dollars in paying doctor bills and buying medicines, some of which gave temporary relief; but my most invaluable remedy has done more good than all others I have ever used.

Respectfully yours, SAMUEL RYEN.

ESLERFORD, MONROE Co., Ohio, March 3, 1863.

MESSRS. HOSTETTER & SMITH—Gents: Send us four dozen **HOSTETTER'S STOMACH BITTERS**, as we are nearly out, and we can't do without it; in fact, it is superseding all other stomachic preparations with us.

Respectfully, PRICE & SILVERY.

NEW-MATTHEWS, PITTMAN Co., Ind., Feb. 14, 1863.

MESSRS. HOSTETTER & SMITH—Gents: You will please send me two or three dozen of your very desirable and highly popular **STOMACH BITTERS**. My supply is well nigh exhausted.

Very respectfully, A. J. HAWN.

HOSTETTER & SMITH,
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